COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

SPECIAL PERMIT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

THANH P. DUONG, DIEM-NHIEN T. PHAM, SP 2014-LE-215 Appl. under Sect(s). 8-914 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit addition to remain 10.7 ft. from side lot line. Located at 7311 Exmore St., Springfield, 22150 on approx. 10,561 sq. ft. of land zoned R-3. Lee District. Tax Map 80-3 ((2)) (36) 7. (Admin. moved from 1/14/15.) Mr. Hart moved that the Board of Zoning Appeals adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the captioned application has been properly filed in accordance with the requirements of all applicable State and County Codes and with the by-laws of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice to the public, a public hearing was held by the Board on February 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board has made the following findings of fact:

- 1. The applicants are the owners of the land.
- 2. The Board has determined that the criteria in the mistake section resolution have been met.
- 3. There have been other homes in this neighborhood that had carports that were enclosed.
- 4. The Board thinks that there will not be any significant difference between the impacts from a house with an open carport and a house with the carport enclosed.
- 5. The roof was already there. The bulk of the structure is about the same, and actually, it looks better, probably, to have the area enclosed and the junk concealed inside of a structure, than it would with an open carport.
- 6. The Board thinks with the imposition of the development conditions, any impacts would be satisfactorily mitigated.

THAT the applicant has presented testimony indicating compliance with Sect. 8-006, General Standards for Special Permit Uses, and the additional standards for this use as contained in the Zoning Ordinance. Based on the standards for building in error, the Board has determined:

- A. The error exceeds ten (10) percent of the measurement involved, or
- B. The error is up to ten (10) percent of the measurement involved and such reduction or modification is requested in conjunction with the approval of a special permit for another use or application for a variance on the property, or is in conjunction with another special permit for an error in building location on the property that exceeds ten (10) percent of the measurement involved, and

- C. The noncompliance was done in good faith, or through no fault of the property owner, or was the result of an error in the relocation of the building subsequent to the issuance of a Building Permit, if such was required, and
- D. Such reduction or modification will not impair the purpose and intent of this Ordinance, and
- E. It will not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity, and
- F. It will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other property and public streets, and
- G. To force compliance with the minimum yard requirements or location regulations would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner.
- H. The reduction or modification will not result in an increase in density or floor area ratio from that permitted by the applicable zoning district regulations.

AND, WHEREAS, the Board of Zoning Appeals has reached the following conclusions of law:

- 1. That the granting of this special permit will not impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, nor will it be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity.
- 2. That the granting of this special permit will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other properties and public streets and that to force compliance with setback requirements would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the subject application is **APPROVED**, with the following development conditions:

- 1. This special permit is approved for the location of the enclosed carport, as shown on the plat prepared titled, "Plat, Showing the Improvements on Lot 7, Block 36, Section Nine, Springfield," prepared by George M. O'Quinn, L.S, of Dominion Surveyors Inc., dated June 10, 2014.
- 2. All applicable permits and final inspections shall be obtained for the addition within 180 days of the approval of this application.

This approval, contingent upon the above-noted conditions, shall not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards.

Pursuant to Sect. 8-015 of the Zoning Ordinance, this special permit shall automatically expire, without notice, six months after the date of approval unless construction has commenced and has been diligently prosecuted. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant additional time to commence construction if a written request for additional time is filed with the Zoning Administrator prior to the date of expiration of the special permit. The request must specify the amount of additional time requested, the basis for the amount of time requested and an explanation of why additional time is required.

Mr. Byers seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Smith was absent from the meeting.

A Copy Teste:

Lorraine A. Giovinazzo, Deputy Clerk

Board of Zoning Appeals